State of Rhode Island
Department of Health
Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline



IN THE MATTER OF: Nathalie A. Campbell, MD License No.: MD 10234

Case Nos.: C191483, C191519

## CONSENT ORDER

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Nathalie Campbell, MD ("Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline ("Board") makes the following

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent has been a licensed physician in the State of Rhode Island since February 8, 2000.
- 2. Respondent graduated from the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine on June 1, 1994. Respondent specializes in endocrinology.
- 3. Respondent was the attending physician for Patient A (alias) and Patient B (alias).
- 4. The Board received the above-referenced complaints alleging that Respondent had failed to notify Patients A and B in a timely manner that she was closing her practice. Both complaints also alleged that Patients A and B had been unable to obtain their medical records in a timely manner.
- 5. Respondent appeared before the Investigative Committee on January 29, 2020, at which time she stated that, in advance of closing her practice, she had placed multiple notices in the Warwick Beacon, and its affiliated newspapers, informing her patients of the pending closure of

her practice and how, and where from, to obtain their medical records. Respondent indicated that she had specifically chosen the Warwick Beacon, which is not a newspaper with statewide circulation, even including its affiliated newspapers, based on the belief that her patients were most densely located in that geographic area of the state. Other than informing patients while at her practice of the pending closure, the publication in the Warwick Beacon and affiliated newspapers was the only notice of the closure provided by Respondent to her patients; Respondent did not publish notice in a newspaper with statewide circulation, nor did she, for example, send a letter or other direct communication to her patients about the closure and how, and where from, to obtain their medical records.

- 6. At her appearance, Respondent admitted that she never notified the Board or the Rhode Island Medical Society that she was closing her practice.
- Respondent had violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(30), "Closure of medical practice Preservation of records," which provides, in relevant part, "A physician shall, at least ninety (90) days before closing his or her practice, give public notice as to the disposition of patients' medical records in a newspaper with a statewide circulation, and shall notify the Rhode Island Medical Society and Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline of the location of the records. The public notice shall include the date of the physician's retirement, and where and how patients may obtain their records both prior to and after closure of the physician's practice;" and R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(24), which defines "unprofessional conduct" as including "[v]iolating any provision or provisions of this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board or any rules or regulations promulgated by the director or of an action, stipulation, or agreement of the board."

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Respondent admits to agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
- 2. Respondent has agreed to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board and is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
- 3. If ratified by the Board, Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
- a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
- b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf at a hearing;
- c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
- d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
- e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
- f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
- g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review; and
- h. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Federation of State Medical Boards and posted to the Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") public website.
- 4. Respondent agrees to pay, within five days of the ratification of this Consent Order, an administrative fee of \$1090.00 for costs associated with investigating the above-referenced complaints. Such payment shall be made by certified check, made payable to "Rhode Island General Treasurer," and sent to Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 205, Providence, RI 02908, Attn: Lauren Lasso. Respondent will send notice of compliance with this condition to <u>DOH.PRCompliance@health.ri.gov</u> within 30 days of submitting the above-referenced payment.
- 5. Respondent hereby agrees to this reprimand on her physician license.

- 6. Within 90 days of ratification of this Consent Order, Respondent will mail notice to every patient seen at her practice during the 12 month period preceding the closure of the practice. Such notice shall contain, at minimum, notification that the practice has closed and instructions relative to how and where patients may obtain their medical records. Respondent will send notice of compliance with this condition to <u>DOH.PRCompliance@health.ri.gov</u> upon completion.
- 7. Provided Respondent satisfies the conditions set forth above, the Board will administratively close all other current and future complaints against Respondent relative to Respondent's violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-30 and 5-37-5.1(24) in the closure of her practice.
- 8. If Respondent violates any term of this Consent Order after it is signed and accepted, the the Director of RIDOH ("Director") shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action, including immediate suspension of Respondent's medical license. If the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within 20 days of the suspension and/or further discipline. The Director shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent's license, or impose further discipline, for the remainder of Respondent's licensing period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

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